

MANSFIELD COMMISSION ON AGING

MIUTES OF APRIL 11, 2016

PRESENT: Will Bigl (2018), Bev Korba (2018), Marina Wharton (2018), Bettejane Karnes (2018), Don Nolan (20117), John Riesen (2018)

ABSENT: Pat Schneider (Human Service Director), Jean Ann Kenny (Senior Center Association), Laurie McMorrow, Nancy Trawick Smith, David Palmer

STAFF: Sarah Taylor (Senior Center Supervisor)

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES: Judy Bigl (Jensen's), John Adamcik (Wright's Way)

GUESTS: Rosemary Beecher

Meeting was called to order at 9:30 am. March 14, 2016 minutes were accepted as read.

PAT SCHNEIDER'S REPORT: Given by Sarah Taylor in Pat's absence.

- Senior Center budget was presented to Mansfield Town Council at last meeting.
- New chairs have arrived for dining room.
- Need for outside work (walls, walks and siding repairs) are still being assessed
- Sarah noted that all change made to building will be done with accreditation criteria in mind.

SARAH TAYLOR'S REPORT:

- Volunteer luncheon was very successful.
- Center has over 100 volunteers. Center will continue to oversee volunteer program until Associations role is clear.
- Center is enjoying intergenerational programs.
- Two new Yoga classes have been scheduled due to increased interest in that program.
- A new four week Tai Chi pilot program will begin in May with a new instructor.
- The Summer Nights program will be scheduled on Fridays from 5pm to 8pm once a month starting in June and ending in September.
- Center has applied for a full kitchen license that will allow approved members to cook for some events.
- An open house is planned for May (Older Americans Month) featuring an art show presented by seniors.
- Library returns are now accepted at the Center.
- The senior van is offering round trips to Big Y, Walmart and the Library. It is a door-to-door service and reservations are required. Stops will include Jensen's, Juniper Hill, Wright's Way and Glen Ridge.

JUDY BIGL (Jenson's) reported that they now have a new executive board. She distributed the community newsletter to all members.

JOHN ADAMCIK: How will new state budget cut impact the elderly?

NEW BUSINESS: Will reported on the Mansfield Council transportation meeting during which a presentation was made regarding the present services provided by Dial-a Ride and WTRD.

The Handicapped parking proposal's final plan was approved.

WILL suggested that goals & outcomes of **COA MEETINGS** should be an ongoing presence in "Sparks".

Meeting was adjourned at 10:20am.

Next meeting will be held on May 9, 2016 at 9:30 am in the Craft Room.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Bev Hall Korba, Secretary